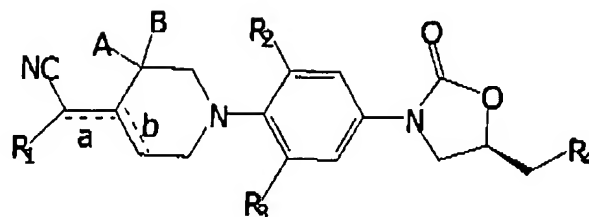


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended)

A compound of Formula I



Formula I

or a pharmaceutical acceptable ~~salts~~ salt thereof, wherein

"a" represents a single bond or a double bond;

"b" represents a single bond or a double bond; wherein

"a" and "b" cannot both be double bonds at the same time;

"A" and "B" are each and independently selected from H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, CO₂Et or halogen;when "a" is a double bond, or "a" is a single bond and "A" is not H, CH₃, CO₂Et, or FR₁ is ~~[[-]]~~H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl,

alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, alkanoyl, substituted alkanoyl, aralkanoyl, substituted aralkanoyl, alkoxy carbonyl, substituted alkoxy carbonyl, thioacyl, substituted thioacyl, aroyl, substituted aroyl, alkylmercapto, arylmercapto, ~~heterocyclyl carbonyl, heterocyclyl thio carbonyl~~, aralkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, ~~heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl~~, cyano, carboxylic acid, carboxamido, amino, substituted amino, or halogen;

when "a" is a single bond and "A" is H, CH₃, CO₂Et, or F, then R₁ is alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, alkanoyl, substituted alkanoyl, aralkanoyl, substituted aralkanoyl, alkoxy carbonyl, substituted alkoxy carbonyl, thioacyl, substituted thioacyl, aroyl, substituted aroyl, alkylmercapto, arylmercapto,

~~heterocyclylcarbonyl, heterocyclylthiocarbonyl, aralkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl or carboxamido;~~

R_2 and R_3 are the same or different and are hydrogen or halo; and

R_4 is ~~C_1 - C_6 alkylsulphenyloxy, arylsulphenyloxy, amino, mono or di substituted amino, azido, nitrilo, substituted nitrilo, aminonitrilo, isocynato, formamido, C_1 - C_6 alkyl amido, substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl amido, C_1 - C_6 alkyl thiocarbonylamino, substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl thiocarbonylamino, sulphonamido, substituted sulphonamido, pthalamido, carbamato, substituted carbamato, ureido, substituted ureido, five to six membered heterocyclyl, or substituted five to six membered heterocyclyl; OSO_2CH_3 , amino, mono or di substituted amino, azido, CN, $NHCN$, $N(CN)$ -allyl, NCO , $NHCHO$, C_1 - C_6 alkyl amido, substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl amido, five to six membered heterocyclyl, or substituted five to six membered heterocyclyl, $NHCO_2CH_3$, $NHCO_2Et$, $NHCO_2iPr$, $NHCO_2CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $NHCOCH_2OCOC(CH_3)_3$, $N(CH_3)COCH_3$, $NHCSCH_3$, $NHCSOCH_3$, $NHCSCH_2OH$, $NHCSNHCH_2CH_2OH$, $NHCSCH_2NH_2$, $NHCONHCH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $NHCSNH_2$, $NHCSNHCH_3$, $NHSO_2CH_3$, or $NHSO_2-(3-Me-Ph)$;~~

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl are selected from the group consisting of aryl, hydroxy, methanesulphonyloxy, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cyano, halo, amino, and substituted amino groups;

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted cycloalkyl are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyl, amino, substituted amino, alkoxy carbonyl, carboximido, cyano and halogen groups;

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted alkanoyl are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyl, amino, substituted amino, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamido, cyano and halogen groups;

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted aralkanoyl are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyl, amino, substituted amino, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamido, cyano and halogen groups;

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted alkoxy carbonyl are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyl, amino, substituted amino, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamido, cyano and halogen groups;

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted thioacyl are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyl, amino, substituted amino, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamido, cyano and halogen groups;

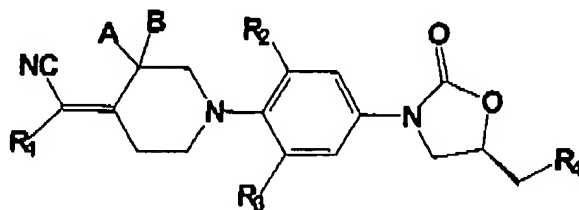
wherein the one or more substituents of substituted aroyl are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyl, amino, substituted amino, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamido, cyano and halogen groups;

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted aryl are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyl, amino, substituted amino, alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamido, cyano and halogen groups;

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted amino group are selected from one or more unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₃ alkyl groups.

wherein the one or more substituents of substituted heterocyclyl group are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, carboxamido, cyano or halogen groups.

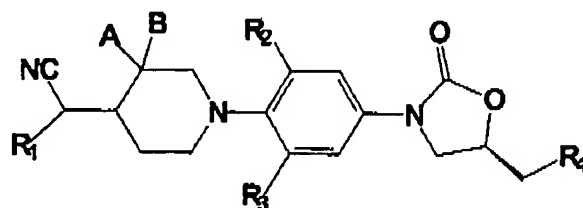
2. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein a subset of compounds is selected from those of Formula II



Formula II

wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , A and B are as defined in claim 1.

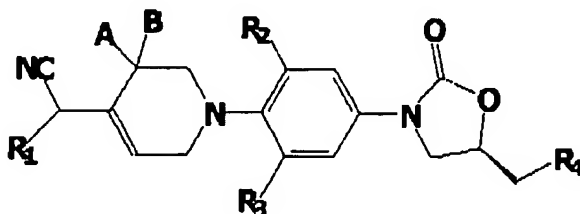
3. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein a subset of compounds is selected from those of Formula III



Formula III

wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , A and B are as defined in claim 1.

4. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein a subset of compounds is selected from those of Formula IV



Formula IV

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, A and B are as defined in claim 1.

5. (Previously presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of :

(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-azide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-formamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-carboxyethyl-1,2,3-triazole;

(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-cyano-1,2,3-triazole;

(R)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-isocyanate;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-formamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-propionamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-2-dimethylpropionamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-3-dimethylbutanamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-2-hydroxyacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-2-pivalyloxyacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-

oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-N-methylacetamide;
(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-azide;
(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-amine;
(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethylamino}-prop-2-ene;
(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethylamino}-nitrile;
(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethylamino}-acetonitrile;
(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethylamino}-methylamine;
(S)-{N-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethylamino]N-cyano}-prop-2-ene;
(S)-N-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-2-cyanoacetamide;
(S)-N-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-4-yl-carboxamide;
(S)-N-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-pyrrolidin-2-carboxamide;
(S)-1-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-4-carboethoxy-1,2,3-triazole;
(S)-1-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-5-carboethoxy-1,2,3-triazole;
(S)-1-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-4-cyano-1,2,3-triazole;
(S)-N-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-difluoroacetamide;
(S)-N-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-trifluoroacetamide;
(S)-N-[3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-

oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-chloroacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-dichloroacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-trichloroacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-bromoacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-dibromoacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-iodoacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-methylphenylsulphonamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methylcarbamate;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-ethylcarbamate;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-isopropylcarbamate;
(2S,5S)-{N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-propionamid-2-yl}-amine;
(2S, 5S)-{N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-3-hydroxypropionamid-2-yl}-amine;
(2S,5S)-{N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-3-(imidazol-4-yl)-propionamid-2-yl}-amine;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-1-phthalamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methylthiocarbamate;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-

oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-2-hydroxythioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-2-hydroxyethylthiocarbamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethylamino}-thiocarbonylmethylamine;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-2-dimethylaminoethylthiocarbamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thiocarbamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methylthiocarbamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonamide;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
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fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-trifluoroacetamide;
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(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methylthiocarbamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3,3-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
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(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanoethylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
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fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
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(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(pyridin-2-yl)methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-2-(morpholin-1-yl)ethylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(imidazol-1-yl)methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(2-methylimidazol-1-yl)methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
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(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-carboxamido-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(N-prop-2-en-1-yl)-carboxamido-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
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(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(N-cyclohexyl)-carboxamido-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-carbonyl)-methylidene)-

piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(morpholin-1-yl-carbonyl)-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-3-hydroxy-propylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-ethoxycarbonyl-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-methylmercapto-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-phenylmercapto-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-bromo-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1,1-dicyano-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-ethoxycarbonyl-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(morpholin-1-yl-thiocarbonyl)-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-azide;
(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-carboethoxy-1,2,3-triazole;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-alcohol;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-

oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-carboxamido-1,2,3-triazole;
(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-cyano-1,2,3-triazole;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-alcohol;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-benzyl)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-2-methanesulphonyloxy)-ethylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(imidazol-1-yl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(thiophen-2-yl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(pyridin-2-yl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-carboxamido)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-cyclohexylaminocarbonyl)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl-carbonyl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(morpholin-1-yl-carbonyl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-ethoxycarbonyl)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-

fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(phenylmercapto))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(pyridin-2-yl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(morpholin-1-yl-carbonyl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-ethoxycarbonyl)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-carboxamido)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-thiocarboxamido)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;
(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-2-hydroxy)-ethylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-methoxycarbonyl-1,2,3-triazole;
(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-2-hydroxy)-ethylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-4-ethoxycarbonyl-1,2,3-triazole;
(S)-1-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-2-hydroxy)-ethylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-5-ethoxycarbonyl-1,2,3-triazole;
(R)-3-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-2-hydroxy)-ethylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyloxy}-iso-oxazole;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-2-hydroxy)-ethylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-hydroxycarbonyl)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-ethoxycarbonyl)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl))-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(R)-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-carboxamido)-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methanesulphonate;
(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3,4-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-

2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3,4-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3-methyl-4,5-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3-fluoro-4,5-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide; and

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3-fluoro-4,5-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-isobutylcarbamate.

6. (Previously presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-2-cyanoacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-trifluoroacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-chloroacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-dichloroacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methylthiocarbamate;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-2-hydroxythioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thiocarbamide;

E-(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-3-

fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-acetamide;

Z-(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-difluoroacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thiocarbamid;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethylidene-3-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-methylthiocarbamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanoethylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanoethylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-difluoroacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanoethylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-dichloroacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanoethylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanopropylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanopropylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-dichloroacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyanopropylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-3-ynylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(thiophen-2-yl)-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-methylmercapto-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-bromo-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-

fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1,1-dicyano-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-ethoxycarbonyl-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-(1-cyano-1-(morpholin-1-yl-thiocarbonyl)-methylidene)-piperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3,4-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide;

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3,4-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-thioacetamide; and

(S)-N-{3-[4-(4-cyanomethyl-3-fluoro-4,5-dehydropiperidin-1-yl)-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl}-acetamide.

7. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing cyanoalkyldenepiperidino phenyloxazolidinones of claim 1, comprising treating a substituted 4-(4-oxo-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one with a substituted cyano active methylene compound in a solvent at 60 to 110°C for 2 to 48 hrs in the presence of a base.

8. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing cyanoalkyldenepiperidino phenyloxazolidinones of claim 1, comprising treating a substituted 4-(4-oxo-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one with a substituted Wittig reagent in a solvent at 10 to 80°C for 10 min. to 48 hrs in the presence of a base.

9. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing cyanoalkylpiperidino phenyloxazolidinones of claim 1 comprising treating an cyanoalkyldenepiperidino phenyloxazolidinones with hydrogen or a hydrogen source in the presence of a catalyst and a solvent at 20 to 60°C for 1 to 24 hrs.

10. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing cyanoalkyl-dehydropiperidino

phenyloxazolidinones of claim 1, comprising treating a substituted 4-(4-oxo-piperidin-1-yl)-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one with a substituted cyano acetic acid in a solvent at 80 to 120°C for 3 to 24 hrs in the presence of a base.

11. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, and an excipient, diluent, solvent or carrier.

12. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 2, and an excipient, diluent, solvent or carrier.

13. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 3, and an excipient, diluent, solvent or carrier.

14. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 4, and an excipient, diluent, solvent or carrier.

15. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 5, and an excipient, diluent, solvent or carrier.

16. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 6, and an excipient, diluent, solvent or carrier.

17. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to a patient in need thereof.

18. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2 to a patient in need thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3 to a patient in

need thereof.

20. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 to a patient in need thereof.

21. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5 to a patient in need thereof.

22. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 to a patient in need thereof.

23. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to a patient at risk for developing the infection.

24. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2 to a patient at risk for developing the infection.

25. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3 to a patient at risk for developing the infection.

26. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 to a patient at risk for developing the infection.

27. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5 to

a patient at risk for developing the infection.

28. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing a systemic or topical infection comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 to a patient at risk for developing the infection.